BILL: **S2017 – SB9**
TITLE: **Bylaws Amendment – Electoral Reform**
SPONSOR: **Karina Toy, President**
DATE: **March 19, 2017**

Whereas Section VII(A) of the SGA Constitution stipulates the following: "The Elections Council shall be responsible for running all SGA elections and referenda in accordance with the SGA bylaws."

Whereas the SGA aims to administer fair and efficient elections,

Whereas the Elections Council holds the opinion that there should be clear, precise, and consistent language governing election procedures and campaign rules in SGA elections,

Whereas Section VI Part (B)(4) refers to Elections Council guidelines, but as of now none have been written or published,

Whereas both the SGA Finance Committee and SGA Student Organization Oversight Committee have their own policies, which are subject to approval by Senate,

Therefore, be it enacted…

That, Section VI. Parts (C), (D), (E) and (F)(1) of the SGA Bylaws be removed. Section VI (F)(2) be retitled Section VI. Part (C): Resignation, Impeachment, or Removal. Let this text be replaced by "SGA Elections Polices" which will be published on the SGA website.

That, Section VI. Part (A)(2)(a) Description be changed to:

> The Elections Council shall consist of a chair who is the Director of Membership, and from two to four other students appointed by the chair. At least two of these members shall be Senators.

That, Section VI. Part(A)(4) Guidelines be changed to:

> The Elections Council may adopt and publish guidelines for conducting elections and referendums. The Senate may amend the guidelines by a simple majority vote.

That, Section VI. Part(B)(2) Eligibility of candidates be changed to:

> **(a)** For President: All current and enrolled students, including students abroad but excluding graduating seniors. This is a full year position. The President's term shall expire at the end of the academic year.

(b) For Co-Chair: all current and enrolled students, including students abroad but excluding graduating seniors. Students are not eligible to be candidates for semesters during which they plan to study off-campus.

(b) For Commons senators: all current and enrolled students, including students abroad but excluding graduating seniors, who are members of the relevant Commons. This is a full year position. Commons senators' terms shall expire at the end of the academic year.

(c) For first year, sophomore, and senior senators: all current and enrolled students, including students abroad but excluding graduating seniors, who have academic standing in the relevant class, not including Febs. This is a full year position. First year, sophomore, and senior senators' terms shall expire at the end of the academic year.

(d) For junior senators: students shall run and hold office on a semester basis. Students may run for either semester or both. Students are not eligible to be candidates for semesters during which they plan to study off-campus.

(e) For Feb senators: all current and enrolled students, including students abroad but excluding graduating seniors, who have academic standing in a Feb class. This is a full year position. Feb senators' terms shall expire end of the Senate meeting immediately prior to the Feb election.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vote Count

In favor:	President Toy, Senator Lantigua, Senator Cohen, Senator Pustejovsky, Senator Wilson, Senator Waddell, Senator Duran, Senator Fisher, Senator Aaron, Senator Goldfield, Senator Hayes, Senator Ou, Senator Wright, Senator McCormick, Senator Andrews, Senator McCarthy, Co-Chair Sanderson
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

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